

**Meeting Notes  
North Delta Agency Team  
August 1, 2001**

The following provides a summary of the North Delta Agency Team Meeting held on August 1, 2001. The group agreed to meet again on **September 4 9:30 – 11:30**, at the Resources Building (room to be determined).

**Attendees:**

Jim Starr - DFG	Kerry Wicker - DFG
Scott Cantrell - DFG	Marina Brand - DFG
Ryan Olah - USFWS	John Thomson - USFWS
Craig Stevens- J&S	Margit Aramburu - DPC
Rod Johnson - CALFED	Mike Coleman - CALFED
Aimee Dour-Smith - J&S	Rob Cooke - CALFED
Ron Ott - CALFED	Bellory Fong - CALFED
Dennis O'Bryant - DOC	Chuck Vogelsang - CALFED

**Members Invited but not Present:**

Donna Podger - RWQCB	Frank Wernett - DFG
Gwen Knittweis - DWR	Lorna Burks - SLC
Matthew Reischman - RWQCB	Mike Aceituno - NMFS
Diane Windham - NMFS	Paul Bowers - USACE
Peter Rabbon - DWR/Rec Board	Terry Mills - CALFED
Dennis Majors - CALFED	Steve Shaffer - CDFA

**Notes:**

- Aimee Dour-Smith provided the group with a brief overview of the North Delta Improvement Program, highlighting some of the possible project alternatives and ongoing efforts toward developing a model for the proposed project area. She also reviewed how the NDAT, NDIIG, Delta-wide Ecosystem Restoration Team (DERT), and CALFED will interact over the course of the project and what each group will be responsible for. Specifically, the NDAT would be asked to focus on regulatory issues (NEPA/CEQA) and permitting requirements (ASIP, CWA, RHA), while the DERT would focus on developing ecosystem restoration alternatives.
- Ron Ott discussed the ongoing DCC studies and how they could affect flood control actions and water quality within the NDIP project area.
- The CALFED Regulatory compliance handbook was identified as a good source of information for members to use when looking for tiering and/or NEPA/CEQA guidance. It is available online at [http://calfed.ca.gov/environmental\\_docs.html](http://calfed.ca.gov/environmental_docs.html) (password = CALFED).

**Action Items:**

1. NDAT: Review Draft Purpose and Need Statement, both for MSCS compliance and from each specific agencies perspective. Provide comments to April Zohn by August 22. (Email = [aprilz@isanet.com](mailto:aprilz@isanet.com), p: 503-6681)
2. CALFED: Identify candidates for federal lead agency. USACE regulatory? USACE Planning? USBR? USFWS? Discuss role with federal agency candidate(s).
3. NDAT: Prepare a list of your agency's potential permit, consultation and deliverable requirements that would be expected over the term of the project. Provide list to April Zohn for compilation by August 29, 2001.

**Next meeting:**

- Present "modified" purpose and need statement
- Discuss agency permit & consultation requirements
- Present project schedule and overlay possible permitting timeline